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SUBJECT: Nominations for Appointment to the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services

I am soliciting nominations for appointment to the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS). DACOWITS, established in 1951, is an independent advisory committee that provides the Secretary of Defense with advice and recommendations on matters and policies relating to the recruitment, retention, employment, integration, well-being, and treatment of women in the Armed Forces.

Committee members serve as Special Government Employees, not as official representatives of any group or organization with which they may be affiliated. Members include civilian women and men with diverse and inclusive backgrounds, experience, and thought from academia, industry, private and public sectors, and other professions. Selection is on the basis of experience in the military or with women-related workforce issues. Members are appointed for a 4-year term of service, serve without compensation, and perform a variety of duties, including visiting military installations annually, conducting a review and evaluation of current research on military women, and developing an annual report with recommendations on these issues for the Secretary of Defense.

I request you submit one or more nominees for consideration. There are multiple positions to be filled. Nomination packages should include the individual's resume and

biography outlining his or her professional background and qualifications. Please forward your electronic nomination(s) directly to the DACOWITS office via email to jessica.c.myers4.civ@mail.mil, no later than May 1, 2023. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Colonel Seana Jardin, DACOWITS Military Director/Designated Federal Officer to DACOWITS, at (571) 232-7415.

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